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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Scott J. TUMAN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1733  
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For: METHOD FOR MAKING A STEM WEB )

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 18 June 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 12 and 16-20, amend claim 11, and add new claims 21-40. The new and amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims, including those added hereby, are provided in Appendix A).